

Fall Weed Work

2009 will go into the record books for cool weather that, for the first time, delayed flea beetle emergence and collections by up to a month. It was a new chapter in the book of bio-control. The cyclical nature of flea beetles was also seen over much of the state. Many areas with previously good control of leafy spurge by flea beetles had a flush of leafy spurge this year. It was expected that flea beetles would have peaks and valleys in populations so we should not be overly concerned.

If you saw the increase in spurge this year on your flea beetle sites, you might consider the following options. They are all cost-shared.

- ◆ Perimeter spray, especially along the fenceline and boundaries and spray the odd patches. This is part of the "good neighbor plan".
- ◆ Faithfully monitor your flea beetles each year. If you don't see increasing numbers, talk with your county weed control officer for advice.
- ◆ Consider mid-September spraying of 2,4-D over the established bug sites. It may dramatically increase the effectiveness of the flea beetles.

Canada thistle: This needs just as much attention as leafy spurge as thistle acreage across the state may soon surpass that of leafy spurge. Spraying Canada thistle on school trust land can be up to 100% reimbursed. Contact Jerry at 328-2800 or jsaude@nd.gov for information prior to spraying and seeking cost-share on Canada thistle spraying.

For more information on cost share, visit www.land.nd.gov/surface/NXHome.htm.

Rangeland Health Inspections

Fall is the time when State Land Department conducts rangeland health inspections. You may see an inspector in an orange vest on school trust land that you lease. The vehicle will typically have a sign in the window indicating that he is working for the State Land Department. Feel free to stop and talk with the inspector – they have a wealth of knowledge and are always happy to talk with you.



Lessee Questions About Oil Development on Trust Lands

Development of the Bakken and Three Forks oil formations have exploded onto the scene with increased development activity on school trust lands. If you lease in an area with oil development and have questions, you will be able to find the answers on-line next spring. The Land Department website will have a section devoted to lessee's questions about oil and gas development on school trust lands and how it may impact surface leases. This site will also contain information about other rights-of-way questions outside of oil development areas. Look for more information in the spring newsletter.



Fall 2009 Surface Lease Auctions

Times and locations of auctions are subject to change. Check the legal notices in your official county papers, call 328-2800, or log on to www.land.nd.gov to confirm dates, locations, and times prior to auction. Tracts not leased at the fall auctions will be unavailable for lease until they can be offered again at public auction in March 2010.

Adams County

Monday, 10-5-09, 2:30 pm MT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Hettinger, ND

Benson County

Wednesday, 10-14-09, 11:30 am CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Minnewaukan, ND

Billings County

Tuesday, 10-6-09, 2:00 pm MT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Medora, ND

Bowman County

Tuesday, 10-6-09, 9:00 am MT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Bowman, ND

Burke County

Thursday, 10-8-09, 1:30 pm CT
Courthouse, Community Room
Bowbells, ND

Burleigh County

Thursday, 10-1-09, 9:00 am CT
State Capitol, Pioneer Room
Bismarck, ND

Divide County

Thursday, 10-8-09, 4:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Farmers Room
Crosby, ND

Dunn County

Tuesday, 10-20-09, 11:00 am MT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Manning, ND

Eddy County

Tuesday, 10-13-09, 4:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
New Rockford, ND

Emmons County

Wednesday, 10-21-09, 3:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Linton, ND

Golden Valley County

Wednesday, 10-7-09, 9:00 am MT
Ambulance Building
Beach, ND

Grant County

Friday, 10-2-09, 10:30 am MT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Carson, ND

Hettinger County

Monday, 10-5-09, 11:30 am MT
Courthouse, Legion Room
Mott, ND

Kidder County

Tuesday, 10-13-09, 10:00 am CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Steele ND

Logan County

Wednesday, 10-21-09, 10:00 am CT
Courthouse, Meeting Room
Napoleon, ND

McHenry County

Thursday, 10-15-09, 3:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Towner, ND

McIntosh County

Wednesday, 10-21-09, 1:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Ashley, ND

McKenzie County

Wednesday, 10-7-09, 2:30 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Watford City, ND

McLean County

Friday, 10-16-09, 11:30 am CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Washburn, ND

Mercer County

Thursday, 10-1-09, 2:00 pm MT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Stanton, ND

Morton County

Friday, 10-2-09, 9:00 am CT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Mandan, ND

Mountrail County

Thursday, 10-8-09, 10:00 am CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Stanley, ND

Oliver County

Thursday, 10-1-09, 1:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Meeting Room
Center, ND

Pierce County

Thursday, 10-15-09, 11:30 am CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Rugby, ND

Rollete County

Thursday, 10-15-09, 9:30 am CT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Rolla, ND

Sheridan County

Friday, 10-16-09, 2:30 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
McCluskey, ND

Sioux County

Friday, 10-2-09, 3:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Ft. Yates, ND

Slope County

Tuesday, 10-6-09, 11:30 am MT
Little Missouri Grazing Assn
Amidon, ND

Stark County

Monday, 10-5-09, 9:00 am MT
Courthouse, Commissioners Room
Dickinson, ND

Stutsman County

Tuesday, 10-13-09, 1:00 pm CT
Law Enforcement Center, Room #1
Jamestown, ND

Tower County

Wednesday, 10-14-09, 2:00 pm CT
Courthouse, Courtroom
Cando, ND

Ward County

Friday, 10-16-09, 9:00 am CT
Courthouse, Ex-Servicemen's Room
Minot, ND

Wells County

Wednesday, 10-14-09, 9:30 am CT
KTL Building
Fessenden, ND

Williams County

Friday, 10-9-09, 10:00 am CT
Courthouse, Memorial Room
Williston, ND

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Land Department asks that anyone needing auxiliary aids and services should call 701-328-2806 at least five days in advance of the auction. Also, Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 and ND Human Rights Act of 1983 prohibits sexual harassment in any form. It is expected that all participants at the auction will use good judgment in determining whether their behavior may be offensive or unwelcome to others.



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